

MINUTES

Village of Westmont
Regular Meeting
Economic Development Committee
October 5, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

Westmont Village Hall Executive Session Room
31 West Quincy Street, Westmont, IL

1. Call to Order

Chairman Addington called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. Roll Call

Jim Addington, Chairman - present
Ron Gunter, Mayor - present
Bruce Barker, Trustee - absent
Harold Barry, Trustee - absent
Bob Scott, Resident Representative - absent
Nancy Martens, Citizen Representative - absent
Virginia Szymski, Village Clerk - present
Corinne Beller, Citizen Representative - absent
Kevin Carey, School Representative - present
Frank Brady, Business/Resident Representative - present
Larry Forssberg, Chamber Executive Director - present
Bill Kalafut, Business/Resident Representative - present
Larry Kaufman, Director of Fire Prevention Bureau - absent
Tom Schultz, Fire Department - present
Steve May, Village Manager - present
Gregg Pill, Business/Resident Representative - present
Bob Fleck, Director of Park District - present
Jim Gunther, Police Chief - present
Dave Weiss, Fire Chief - absent
Jill Ziegler, Community Development Director - present
Larry McIntyre, Communications Director - absent
Steve Riley, Deputy Fire Chief - absent
Mike Ramsey, Public Works Director - present
Joe Hennerfeind, Planner II - present
Melissa Brendle, Office Supervisor - present

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Minutes

Motion was made by Resident Representative Bill Kalafut to accept the minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Village Clerk Virginia Szymski.

5. Old Business updates

- A. Napleton Porsche of Westmont- 201 and 209 East Ogden Avenue
Received a positive recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission. There was some discussion on automobile & auto part deliveries and the impact it would cause on village streets. The Village Board meeting will be on October 13, 2016.
- B. Brown's Chicken - 220 West Ogden Avenue
- C. Urban Veterinary Associates - 35 North Cass Avenue
Received a positive recommendation from the Village Board.

6. New Business

A. Johnny's Blitz - 20 North Cass Avenue

Mr. John Dasoqi, the applicant, introduced Mr. Michael Messerle who gave the presentation for Johnny's Blitz, a high-end, family friendly sports bar & grill. Currently, the building is split into two businesses and will be combined with minimal changes to the building. The menu will be simple with different varieties of craft beer and burgers, with daily and weekly specials. There will be roughly 10 to 12 people working for two shifts, maximum 6 employees per shift. Currently there is room for nine parking spaces and a variance may be needed.

Committee Discussion: A fire suppression system was discussed as there is not one in the current plans. Mr. Dasoqi is prepared to install a fire suppression system if required. There is a section on the plans marked for gaming/entertainment. This is for games such as darts or other video games that a sports bar may have. It is not meant to be for video gaming, Mr. Dasoqi is not interested in having video gaming in his establishment. Work in the parking lot may trigger stormwater management practices. Mr. Dasoqi has already had a meeting with Director Ziegler and Village Engineer Noriega regarding what needs to be done. A variance may be needed.

Vote: Resident Representative Kalafut made a motion to approve, it was seconded by Committee Member Brady, all in favor.

There was a discussion on video gaming and the initial intent for existing businesses in the Village. The possibility of putting the 500 ft. rule back in to the ordinance was mentioned. When Mr. Dasoqi originally met with Director Ziegler he was interested in video gaming.

Discussion ensued about Brown's Chicken. The restaurant is still in negotiations with the property owner and there are currently issues with the building.

7. Other information

A. Special Projects:

Economic Development Plan - Strategic Plan Action Items

A Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats (SWOT) analysis worksheet was handed out in the packet. The SWOT worksheet was designed to help list the Village's strengths and weaknesses. Topics included were what draws people to the Village and what repels them. Some of the strengths discussed were the Fire & Police Department being well organized, the Public Works Department working well, and the improvements in School District #201. A couple of weaknesses are the limited parking in the downtown area, the shopping center at 63rd & Cass Avenue, difficulties with changing demographics, and catering to a younger population.

B. Westmont Economic Development Partnership Marketing Opportunities & Projects Update, Westmont Restaurant Group

A new restaurant review in the issue of Suburban Life on Hanbun, which is located on Pasquinelli Dr., in the International Mall. Also, permits are up 20 percent from last year. Hilton representatives and staff have met twice regarding permits for the World Class Westmont project.

C. Miscellaneous

Nothing at this time.

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Village Clerk Virginia Szymiski and seconded by Committee Member Brady at 10:46 am.